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TITLE:

SUBSTRATE PROCESSING PALLET AND RELATED

SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD AND MACHINE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

#### **REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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		the requisite Statement is below, OR
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